

Information on the UN Issue Based Coalition (IBC) on SDG Data and Monitoring



Brief description of the Issue-based Coalition

The Issue-based Coalition on SDG Data and Monitoring was created to coordinate the collaboration and partnership with regional actors from the UN system, and beyond in Europe and Central Asia. It strengthens coordination between the statistical work of the different agencies to ensure coherence and synergies at the country level, as well as with the work at the regional level carried out under the Conference of European Statisticians and EuroStat towards ensuring that the UN system provides comprehensive and effective support to governments, aligned to the provisions of the UN Statistical Commission, responsible for ensuring reporting on SDGs at the global level.

Chair

UNICEF

Members

UNDP, IOM, ILO, UNISDR, UNOPS, UNHCR, UNEP, UN WOMEN, UNFPA, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNECE

Terms of reference and Work plan

- Develop a generic outline/template for national road maps for measuring SDGs
- Develop guidance for National Statistical Offices for an effective communication strategy
- Take up issues raised with regard to national reporting platforms
- Better understand data flows between National Statistical Offices, custodian agencies, and the UN Statistical Division
- Address the significant need for statistical capacity-building

Work plan for 2018

Results and Activities	Lead Working Group/ Organization Partners (UN and non-UN)
Result 1	
Strengthened coordination/improved synergies between UN Agencies supporting SDG statistical work (data gathering, analysis and reporting)	
Activities	
Regular sharing (calendar, participation in missions, debriefings) on MAPS mission activities and analysis related to SDG data/statistics.	UNDP
Maintenance of a DropBox including real-time databases of agency IBC focal points, data related work at country and regional levels, and a shared space for documents of common interest.	UNICEF (Chair)
Webinars on specific agency data work in the region (open to IBC members, other IBCs, and UNCT depending on interest). Topics: Tools for measuring SDG indicators and for monitoring equity gaps.	All member agencies
Exchange and collaboration with other IBCs (Gender, Youth, Health, etc.) on data issues.	All member agencies
Result 2	
Coordinated support to National Governments and UNCTs	
Activities	
Joint review of data gap analysis generated by MAPS missions and identification of entry points for UN support/capacity development.	UNDP and UNICEF
IBC Presentation at the second Expert Meeting on statistics for SDGs on 18-19 April 2018 in Geneva.	
Coordinated participation in and contribution to Regional and Member State Data Events (DESA meeting VNRs, Moldova SDG Conference, EuroStat meetings, Conference of European Statisticians meeting and organization of IBC side meeting, etc.)	UNDP and UNICEF and UNECE
Support UNCTs and National Partners to share their experiences in monitoring the SDGs and review of draft VNRs* where requested and feedback to UNCTs.	UNECE
Systematic review of UNDAFs towards specific technical advice to UNCTs preparing UNDAFs in 2019	UNICEF

Focus areas

“availability and quality of data on SDG monitoring”, “national reporting on SDG statistics”,

Activities (e.g. links to published position papers, work plans, side events)

- ILO Manual on Decent Work Indicators (2012) https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---integration/documents/publication/wcms_229374.pdf
- UNDP SDG Reporting Guidelines (2016)
- IOM Migration Governance Index
https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/migration_governance_index_2016.pdf
- UNOHCHR Guidance Note on a Human Rights-Based Approach to Data: Leaving No One Behind in the 2030 Development Agenda 2016
<https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/HRIndicators/GuidanceNoteonApproachtoData.pdf>
- UNICEF Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (2018-2020) covering roughly half of HH level SDG indicators – for children and beyond, <http://mics.unicef.org/surveys>
- UNFPA – Technical support to the 2020 round of population censuses throughout the region (providing both numerators and denominators for many population-based SDG indicators)
- UNWOMEN “Making Every Woman and Girl Count (MEWGC)”
- Participation of different UN agencies to MAPS missions (which includes increased attention to SDG data availability);
- IBC on youth-workshop on youth-related SDG indicators to be held in December
- Contribution of UN agencies to the Conference of European Statisticians “Roadmap” on Statistics for the SDGs (w/UNECE)
- MOU between UNICEF and UNFPA regarding cooperation and coordination of MICS, DHS and other data strengthening efforts.
- Regional agreement between UNHCR and UNICEF (and de facto IOM) on collaboration on data, analysis and information in the context of the refugee and migration crisis in Europe.
- MAPS Missions: Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Serbia, Uzbekistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Upcoming activities

- 2019 IBC Data workplan in the progress
- Regional Forum for Sustainable Development
- Synthesis of current UNDAF and MAPS Reports – Data Recommendations